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SAN DIEGO POLICE RELEASE NAMES OF OFFICERS AND SUSPECT IN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN THE CLAIREMONT MESA EAST COMMUNITY

On Sunday, May 17, 2015, at about 7:40 a.m., uniformed San Diego Police Officers saw a grey late model Jeep traveling an estimated 90 miles per hour on southbound Interstate 805 at State Route 163. A vehicle stop was initiated, but the vehicle failed to yield to the officers' lights and siren and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The officers' lost sight of the suspect vehicle on southbound State Route 163 at the Mesa College exit.

Additional uniformed San Diego Police Officers assisted and the suspect vehicle was found abandoned near the 7700 block of Mesa College Drive. A male was seen walking a short distance away from where the abandoned Jeep was found. When officers approached him, a foot chase took place and the male produced a gun and fired at the officers. One San Diego Police Officer chasing the suspect was shot. Other officers at the scene rendered medical aid to the downed officer and ultimately transported her to a nearby hospital. The officer wounded was Officer Heather L. Seddon, a five-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department currently assigned to Northern Division.

Two San Diego Police Officers fired at the suspect. They were Officer Joshua W. Hodge, a four-year veteran with the San Diego Police Department assigned to Northern Division and Officer Mario Larrea, a five-year veteran with the San Diego Police Department assigned to Eastern Division.

The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was identified as 34 year-old Dennis Richard Fiel, of San Diego.